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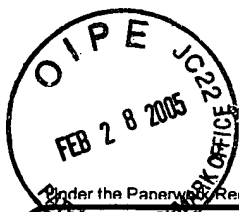
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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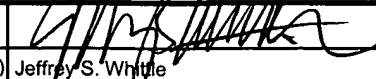
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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith corrected drawings for FIGS. 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 14 (6 sheets) with the changes circled in red, for the above-identified patent application. Applicant is also submitting a clean copy of all Figures to be substituted in place of the Figures originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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